

DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller

8 November 1965

1. After the morning meeting Dick Helms, Tom Karamessines, Bill Colby, Peer de Silva, and I met with the Director to talk about the budget. The Director was adamant that he would not take any budget reductions in worthwhile intelligence activities. He considers it his mission to make this the best intelligence agency in the world, and while he is not against covert action he will not decrease intelligence activities to finance covert action. He was most forceful in his stand that he would tell this to the Bureau of the Budget and the President if necessary and tell them that if they expected us to carry on these covert activities they would have to provide the money from some place other than CIA's budget. I am not sure how realistic this is since we have responsibility for covert action as well as intelligence activities. Nevertheless, it is necessary to go through this exercise. In addition to this change which makes it necessary to examine our entire lower priority list, the Director specifically stated that he did not want OX on the list at all. This means the elimination [redacted] and the necessity [redacted] in other lower priorities. I presided at an FPBC meeting later in the morning to inform the members of the Director's wishes. They are to prepare themselves to meet with John Clarke at 10:30 tomorrow morning.

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2. Sherman Kent invited me to attend the tenth anniversary dinner of the Intelligence Studies Group [redacted] on 20 November. I told him that I expected to [redacted] on the 20th and would try to attend the dinner.

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3. The Director talked with me about using Ambassador Lodge's weekly report to the President and his enthusiasm for Political Action Teams as an example of the type of activity for which we would look elsewhere for money if our budget should be cut. Walt Elder and I reviewed with him [redacted] cable on the same subject, and he agreed that we should use the substance of this cable rather than refer in any way to Lodge's weekly report. He also said that he wanted to price our China program over the next several years and to use this

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as an example of the type of activity he wanted to spend CIA money for rather than covert action.

4. Walt Elder advised me that both the Director and [] told him that the Director is interested in purchasing a jet airplane. He asked [] to get prices on a Jet Star and a Jet Stream.

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5. Larry Houston called to say that John Warner had seen Bob Smart, formerly Chief of Staff of the House Armed Services Committee, who is now Special Assistant to the President of North American Aviation. Among other things, Mr. Smart said that he had made a survey of the use of computers and that all of the separate subdivisions of North American Aviation felt that they should have their own computer centers. It was clear from his survey that they should centralize control of this equipment. I told Larry that I would be glad to see Mr. Smart sometime but thought that a copy of his report would not be too useful for us since we already have enough information on this subject.

6. I talked to John Tietjen about the possibility of finding Frank Wisner's death in "line of duty." John is going to give some thought to this, and we will discuss it again in a few days.

7. Eloise Page called to say that she had spoken to John Anschutz, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Georgetown, and that he agreed to conduct a Protestant Christmas service at the Agency this year. I told her that we would be glad to accept his offer, and I asked Bob Wattles to follow through on this.

8. I asked [] of the Office of Security to get a copy of the transcript of [] speech at [] so that we can see if he in fact did commit any security indiscretions.

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